

# Lake Metonga Association Newsletter

## Fall 2014

Website: [www.LakeMetongaWi.org](http://www.LakeMetongaWi.org)



### Walleye Rearing Pond

The Mole Lake Chippewa Tribe under the direction of Fishery Biologist, Mike Preul, has constructed four walleye rearing ponds. Two additional ponds will be added this fall. The ponds are constructed with bottom liners and concrete sides.



### Minnow Food for Walleyes

Each Pond is about 7 feet deep and holds about a million gallons of aerated water. Minnows are stocked to feed the walleyes. The goal is to raise 8,000 walleye fingerlings in each pond as stock for area lakes.

**MEMBERSHIP** How important is it to join the Lake Association? Is it important to be concerned about the health of the lake – the fishery, the water clarity, water chemistry, the invasive species, Eurasian Water Milfoil (“EWM”), zebra mussels and the total lake aquatic plant community?

Yes, it’s not only important, but vital that the Association be proactive and address any condition that would have an effect on the health of the lake. Your membership support of \$25.00 and a generous donation will provide the financial means to protect and preserve Lake Metonga now and in future generations. Our kids, grand-kids, relatives friends and tourists should be able to enjoy this

pristine water body.

As of this date the Association has only received 118 memberships from the 230 property owners around the lake. This is a challenge and an opportunity, therefore, a membership form is enclosed for your convenience. An “M” on the address label of this newsletter indicates that you have already submitted your 2014 membership. Thank you for joining and for your contribution.

Will the Association continue to apply for WDNR grants? Yes, and we are already planning, with the assistance of our consultant, Onterra, LLC, to submit a grant application in 2015.

You may recall from the previous Membership Newsletter that our 2014 grant application was denied, therefore all 2014 EWM treatment and control cost was financed with Association funds (\$26,392.00). This exemplifies the challenge to Lake property owners to join and support the Association.

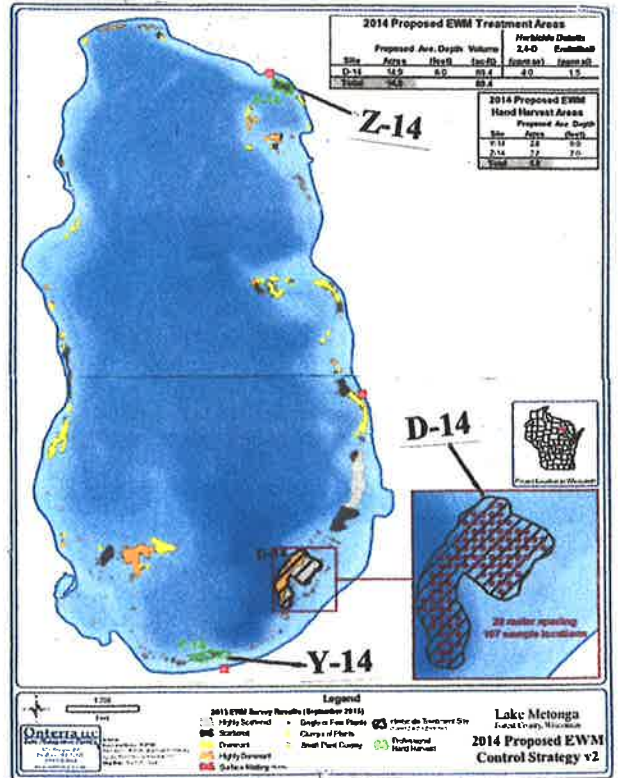
**ARTICLE FROM A LAKE PROPERTY OWNER**

Newly elected Lake Association Board of Directors member Gary Mueller wanted to find out first-hand how our Lake Metonga neighbors feel about the challenges facing our lake. Gary prepared 33 packets, each containing a letter, survey, general information sheet and membership application for each riparian owner. The lake person receiving the packet would distribute this information to six adjacent neighbors. Current names and addresses of their six neighbors would be forwarded to the Lake Association representative.

Packets were distributed between early July and mid-August. Your very important views and ideas supplied in the survey will be compiled and given to the Board of Directors as your input may influence the direction and action required for the lake in the future. Special thanks to all 33 group leaders for their cordial response to my request for assistance. Their kind response was truly encouraging.

**EWM TREATMENT AND CONTROL**

Since the Association did not receive DNR funding in 2014, the Board of Directors approved herbicide treatment of one 14.9 acre EWM bed (D-14) on the southeast end of the lake, plus hand-pulling a 2.2 acre bed on the north end in front of the City Beach (Z-14) and a 2.8 acre bed at the south end in front of the boat launch (Y-14).



**HAND-PULLING**

The two EWM beds identified as Y-14 (2.8 acres) and Z-14 (2.2 acres) were selected for hand-pulling. Aquatic Plant Management, LLC was contracted to provide this service which was accomplished in July at a cost of \$4,986.00. Four (4) divers snorkeled from their pontoon boat to locate and hand-pull the EWM from its' rooted base. A modified inner tube was used as a collection point and the EWM was then deposited on the pontoon boat.





The advantage is that no herbicide is going into the lake water. However, this method is limited to small acreage and is not cost effective for large acreage plots of EWM.

### **ALERT! ALERT! ALERT**

#### **RESIDENTS AROUND LAKE METONGA**

Residents living around Lake Metonga who would be interested in possibly hooking up to natural gas in the future should call Steve at the WPS office in Green Bay (920-680-2845) to express their interest. If enough residents call, WPS will conduct a survey of the residents interested in obtaining natural gas and consider installing lines around the lake in the future. If interested, don't wait, call now! Lake Lucerne residents have also been alerted of this opportunity.

**KENTUCKY DAY** The weather, although threatening rain at the start of the morning, cleared, the sun came out, and turned into an excellent day. The event was well attended and many stopped to buy raffle tickets (Mini-Raffle and Sportsmen's Raffle) at our Association booth. The ticket sales from the Mini-Raffle amounted to \$1,178.00. The Sportsmen's Raffle sales continue until Art in the Square on September 20, 2014. Thanks to Deb Gauerke for organizing these events and to everyone who helped with getting donations, raffle ticket sales, and logging ticket numbers. It helped make Kentucky Day a financial

success. The presence of the Lake Association at these events provides favorable "PR" for our organization.

**ANNUAL MEETING** The Annual Meeting was held June 28, 2014, at the Crandon High School Auditorium. A total of 40 members were in attendance. Since July 4<sup>th</sup> was on the following Friday, many lake property owners didn't come until the weekend of the 4<sup>th</sup>, resulting in a low attendance at the meeting. The Board will review and select a more favorable date for the meeting next year.

It was a very informative meeting covered the lake status of water clarity and chemistry, Eurasian Water Milfoil, zebra mussels, bullheads, tribal spearing, and Lake walleye population obtained from fyke netting and electro-shocking results.

The following people were elected to the Board of Directors for two-year terms:

Ann Steinberger – Secretary

Gary Mueller – Director

Tim Leonardelli – Reappointed as Vice President and Marketing Director

Other members of the Board are:

Grant Reed – President

Kim Reed – Treasurer

Judy Van Zuiden – Director

Les Schramm – Director

A special thanks to Candace Dailey and Dick Nowak for their service on the Board. We appreciate your leadership and suggestions during your tenure on the Board.

#### **BULLHEAD HARVEST 2014**

Mike Preul, Mole Lake Fishery Biologist, and his crew used (2) electro-shocking boats to stun and net bullheads.



Mike and his crew spent 28 hours harvesting bullheads. They netted in the bulrushes and in Farmer's Bay and Peterson's Bay. The sizes captured were 7-1/2" range and 10 & 11 inch range - averaging about 50% in each size range.

Total pounds harvested - 3,836

This equates to - 5,856 fish

A give-away to the public was held on Friday 6/20/14. A total of 1,829 pounds (2,409 fish) were given away.



The remaining bullheads harvested were given to the Raptors in Antigo. Mike plans to continue monitoring and harvesting in 2015 as

he is committed to maintaining a quality fishery.

**CLEAN BOATS-CLEAN WATERS  
BOAT INSPECTIONS**

Tyler Sturzl, Matthew Mullins and Taylor Preul were inspectors at the north and south boat launches. A \$5,483.25 grant from the WDNR and a \$3,000 donation from the Mole Lake Chippewa Tribe were used to pay the salaries of these three inspectors. The inspectors were scheduled to work from May 23<sup>rd</sup> to September 9<sup>th</sup>. A portion of the funds was used to purchase and erect a CB-CW sign at the south boat launch.



Special thanks to Dale Huss, Dennis Klemick and Don Criel for building the support and erecting this sign which is an immediate reminder to lake users to clean their boats and equipment to prevent the spread of invasive species.

**BOAT PARADE AND PICNIC JULY 5, 2014**

Strong winds, high waves and white caps didn't prevent eight enthusiastic boat parade

participants from circling Lake Metonga at 2:00 p.m. on July 5<sup>th</sup>. All the designs were exceptional. The judges selected the following top three.



Ron Wolf's Crew – Gilligan's Island SS Minnow



Don Eisenschink's Group – "Uncle Sam and Betsy Ross"



Basten Family's: "We want you to join

the Lake Association; USA – USA

It was great fun for participants and people watching the parade. The boat parade pictures can be viewed in color on the website:

[www.LakeMetongaWI.org](http://www.LakeMetongaWI.org)

**TEE'S, POLO SHIRTS, SWEATSHIRTS, FLEECE**

The holidays, birthdays, and special events are just around the corner. Use the enclosed order form to select the prize gift. This logo is embroidered on all high quality apparel.



Check out the website:

[www.LakeMetongaWI.org](http://www.LakeMetongaWI.org) for full color choices, sizes and additional information.

Let's show our Lake Metonga pride and support our efforts to protect the Lake by wearing this apparel.

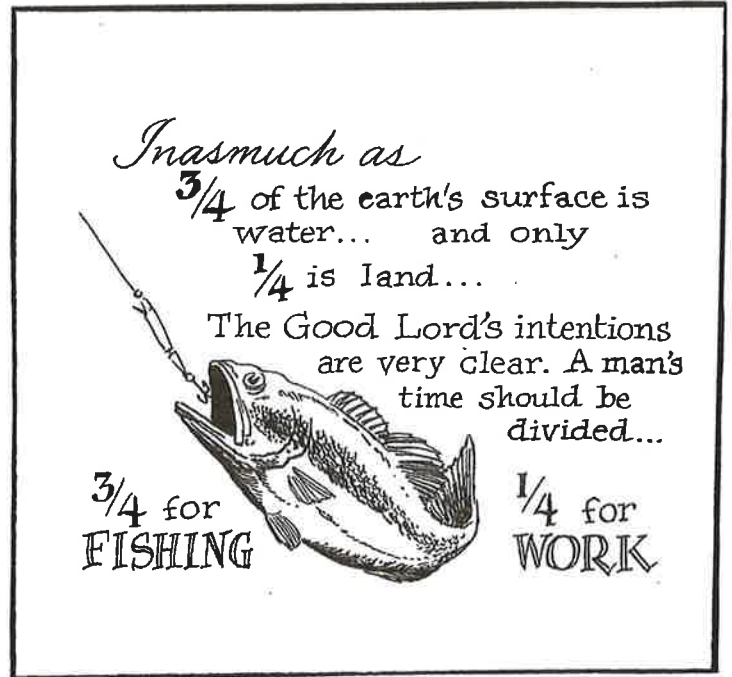
**ART IN THE SQUARE – SEPTEMBER 20, 2014**

By: Deb Gauerke

The Lake Metonga Association will again have a booth at Art in the Square on September 20, 2014 starting at 10 a.m. This event is sponsored by the Forest County Chamber of Commerce and held in the Forest County Courthouse Square. There are various crafters and artists that will have their items for sale and a flea market. Everyone will have a chance

to buy raffle tickets from the Association with the drawing taking place that day at 3 p.m. So make sure that you stop by our booth and purchase your tickets! See you at the Square!

**SPORTSMANS' RAFFLE** The Lake Metonga Association's Sportsman's Raffle will have the final tickets available for purchase at the Art in the Square event held on September 20, 2014. There are a limited number of tickets, 450 to be exact, that are sold and 21 prizes awarded during this raffle. That gives everyone holding a ticket a one in twenty chance of winning. So make sure that if you haven't purchased your ticket yet, stop by our booth to get a ticket early before they are gone!



**WALLEYE BANQUET**

Due to various circumstances the Lake Metonga Association Walleye Banquet will not be held in 2014.

Please watch the website for the 2015 Walleye Banquet Information.

The Board of Directors and Association wish Tim Leonardelli healing and recovery as we are keeping Tim and his family in our thoughts and prayers.

*Enjoy the colorful fall.  
Good luck to all  
Winter ice fishermen.  
Have a blessed Holiday  
and a Healthy and  
Prosperous 2015.*

*Les Schramm*





## 2014 LAKE METONGA ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Mailing Address:  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

If Seasonal, Lake Address (Fire Number & Street):  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Phone:  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Seasonal Phone:  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address:  
 \_\_\_\_\_

To assist in keeping you updated with information about Lake Metonga and the Association in a timely manner, please subscribe to our email list. To enroll, please do so on our web-page, [www.LakeMetongaWI.org](http://www.LakeMetongaWI.org).

**I am interested in assisting the association with:**

Please check all that may apply:

**I would like more information about:**

Please check all that may apply:

Art in the Square/ Kentuck Days	Art in the Square/ Kentuck Days
Walleye Banquet/ Fundraising	Walleye Banquet/ Fundraising
Summer Picnic/ Boat Parade	Summer Picnic/ Boat Parade
Website Commentary	Lake Quality/ Management
Other: _____	Other: _____

WE NEED HELP DURING THE YEAR TO ASSIST IN OUR EFFORTS IN PROTECTING LAKE METONGA

**Business Members**- Would you like to advertise your business on the Lake Metonga Association Website? For \$25, we will list your business card or logo on our supporters' page and encourage members to do business with you, as a Lake Metonga Supporter.

Annual Membership Fee for 2014- Business -----\$ 25.00  
 Advertising Opportunity for 2014 (optional)- Business -----\$ 25.00  
 Donation for protection and preservation of our lake -----\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total Payment Enclosed, checks payable to Lake Metonga Association Inc -----\$ \_\_\_\_\_

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO OFFER A SPECIAL PROMOTION TO OUR MEMBERSHIP WHEN THEY PRESENT THEIR MEMBERSHIP CARD TO YOUR BUSINESS, PLEASE CHECK HERE  AND KIM WILL CONTACT YOU. WE WANT TO SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY WHILE ADDING BENEFIT TO BEING A MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION IN SUPPORTING LAKE METONGA.

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 Donation for protection and preservation of our lake -----\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
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To Pay with MasterCard or Visa, complete the following (please print clearly):

Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ CVC Code (3 Digit code on back): \_\_\_\_\_

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!!!!**

Donations are tax deductible 501(c)(3)

Mail to: Treasurer, Kim Reed, 6670 Wintergreen Trail, Sobieski, WI 54171

Visit our website at [www.LakeMetongaWI.org](http://www.LakeMetongaWI.org) during the year for updates and announcements

# ----- LAKE METONGA ASSOCIATION APPAREL ORDER FORM -----

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Checks make payable to:  
**Lake Metonga Association**

**Mail to:**  
 Kim Reed, Treasurer  
 6670 Wintergreen Tr  
 Sobieski, WI 54171



**\*\* DELIVERY DATE OF APPAREL WILL BE DETERMINED WHEN MINIMUM QUANTITY TO PLACE COMPLETE ORDER IS OBTAINED \*\***

Additional items may be available upon request

Contact Kim Reed for a credit card transaction- 920-822-2757

				<u>Quantity &amp; PAYMENT INFORMATION:</u>			
T-Shirts-	Size:	<u>S M L XL</u>	Color : _____	(\$19 each)	x _____	=	\$ _____
T-Shirts-	Size:	<u>XXL</u>	Color : _____	(\$22 each)	x _____	=	\$ _____
Men's Polo Shirts-	Size:	<u>S M L XL</u>	Color : _____	(\$28 each)	x _____	=	\$ _____
Men's Polo Shirts-	Size:	<u>XXL</u>	Color : _____	(\$30 each)	x _____	=	\$ _____
∞ Ladies' Sport Shirts-	Size:	<u>XS S M L XL</u>	Color : _____	(\$30 each)	x _____	=	\$ _____
Ladies' Sport Shirts-	Size:	<u>XXL</u>	Color : _____	(\$32 each)	x _____	=	\$ _____
NEW-- Ladies' Sleeveless-	Size:	<u>S M L XL XXL</u>	Color : _____	(\$29 each)	x _____	=	\$ _____
NEW-- Ladies' Sleeveless-	Size:	<u>XXL</u>	Color : _____	(\$31 each)	x _____	=	\$ _____
Crew Sweatshirts-	Size:	<u>S M L XL XXL</u>	Color : _____	(\$30 each)	x _____	=	\$ _____
Youth Crew Sweatshirt--	Size:	<u>XS S M L XL</u>	Color : _____	(\$26 each)	x _____	=	\$ _____
Hooded Sweatshirts-	Size:	<u>S M L XL XXL</u>	Color : _____	(\$40 each)	x _____	=	\$ _____
Youth Hooded Sweatshirt--	Size:	<u>XS S M L XL</u>	Color : _____	(\$35 each)	x _____	=	\$ _____
Ladies' Full-Zip Fleece-	Size:	<u>XS S M L XL</u>	Color : _____	(\$55 each)	x _____	=	\$ _____
Ladies' Full-Zip Fleece-	Size:	<u>XXL</u>	Color : _____	(\$57 each)	x _____	=	\$ _____
¼ Zip Fleece Pullover-	Size:	<u>XS S M L XL</u>	Color : _____	(\$41 each)	x _____	=	\$ _____
¼ Zip Fleece Pullover-	Size:	<u>XXL</u>	Color : _____	(\$43 each)	x _____	=	\$ _____
Full Zip Fleece Jacket-	Size:	<u>XS S M L XL</u>	Color : _____	(\$45 each)	x _____	=	\$ _____
Full Zip Fleece Jacket--	Size:	<u>XXL</u>	Color : _____	(\$48 each)	x _____	=	\$ _____
Full Zip Insulated Jacket	Size	<u>XS to 4XLT</u>	Color : _____	(\$75 each)	x _____	=	\$ _____
Youth Insulated Jacket	Size	<u>XS S M L XL</u>	Color : _____	(\$57 each)	x _____	=	\$ _____
NEW ---- Fleece Blanket w/ Strap-			Color : _____	(\$26 each)	x _____	=	\$ _____
Duffle Bag-			Color : _____	(\$35 each)	x _____	=	\$ _____
NEW ---- Cinch Pack-			Color : _____	(\$15 each)	x _____	=	\$ _____



# A PAGE FOR THE KIDS TO COLOR

All young bass, like kids, can be found in a "school".



Coontail (*Ceratophyllum demersum*)

"Fingerlings" find safety in numbers and greater success in capturing prey as their diet changes from insects to small fish like minnows.